

The glorious summers of 1975 and 1976 no doubt enabled *C. argiolus* to produce these exceptional second broods. The continuous warm and windless weather favoured early mating, and helped the resultant larvae to feed up and pupate remarkably early.

This species is usually said to pupate "underneath a leaf", and in the past I spent many days turning over leaves but gleaning nothing other than dirty spider-webs. The larva, as it reaches the purplish pre-pupa phase, strays from its natal twig, and I suspect, usually drops to the floor unless it finds a comfortable cranny in time. Then it will attach itself to a fallen leaf for pupation. In the wandering stage it is, like *Anthocharis cardamines* (L.), very determined, and one which I held captive in 1971 escaped; to pupate, as I discovered when it emerged next spring, underneath the Grandfather Clock. All others chose one of the detached leaves supplied on the floor of the cage, after prolonged examination. If disturbed, they would shift to another.

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OECIACUS HIRUNDINIS JENYNS (HEMIPTERA-HETEROPTERA) IN SOMERSET. — Dr. R. Nash's note (*Ent. Rec.*, 88: 265) on *O. hirundinis* prompts me to record that I found this species quite common in nests of the House Martin taken from Shapwick Manor, nr. Bridgewater, Somerset, in January 1974, with up to 20 in one nest. Masee (*Ent. mon. Mag.*, 1955: 91: 14) does not record this species from Somerset. — H. C. J. GODFREY, Pinehurst West, Swiffe Lane, Broadoak, Heathfield, Sussex.

THE JERSEY TIGER (EUPLAGIA QUDRIPUNCTARIA HBN.). — In his notes on Migrant Lepidoptera in Cornwall in August 1976 (*Ent. Rec.*, 89: 41) Mr. Brian Elliott "assumes" a second generation of the Jersey Tiger. This is a univoltine species with a long imaginal life, during which it migrates and sometimes aestivates (as in Rhodes) until sexually mature in September. As Mr. Elliott suggests, it may have migrated across the Channel or from Devon to the trap at Housel Bay. For further details of its behaviour in N. France see my notes in *Ent. Rec.*, 84: 230-31. — E. P. WILTSHIRE, 140 Marsham Court, Marsham Street, London, SW1 P4JY.

VANESSA ATALANTA L. IN FEBRUARY. — Near Wooton Copse, in the New Forest, about noon on 13th February, 1977, I noted a *Vanessa atalanta* flying weakly just above the ground — presumably it had recently emerged from hibernation. — D. A. LEPARD, Silver Crest, Silver Street, Sway, Lymington, Hants.